

**VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2012  
7:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Thomas Wilson  
Deputy Mayor David du Pont  
Trustee Alan Heywood  
Trustee John Kilduff  
Trustee Lili Neuhauser

Clerk: Deborah A. Matthews

Also: John Ledwith, Chief Ken Sanford, Jeff Voss, Nancy & Jim Hays, Robert Klimecki, Steve Maurer, Tom Salierno, Paola Tocci, Michele Lindsay, Meg Vaught, Jake Matthews, Rev. Betty McWhorter, Audrey & Jack Perry, Richard Messer (W&S)

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Mayor's Update**

Environmental Committee Chair Susan Goodfellow and the "Milfoil Teams" are on top of the recent spotting of Milfoil in the lakes. Milfoil removal in the early summer by AIM and constant monitoring by Village resident volunteers have allowed the Village to get in front of the problem. However, the Village must continue to remain vigilant in its monitoring.

Progress has been made in other areas such as Trustee Neuhauser's involvement with the renovation of the South Gate house, painting of several municipal buildings, and vine removal and cleanup at the Keep (Bill Fairclough's crew); and John Ledwith's coordination with Orange & Rockland in bringing a gas main to St. Mary's across Village property between the Police Station and the Keep, which also allows the Village to connect a gas line from the large Police generator to the Keep. In the future, if the Village chooses, a natural gas line could then be run into the Park. Also the electric lines for the Station and Booth will be buried by O&R.

Despite the rumor circulating around, the level of Tuxedo Lake will not be lowered in the next couple of weeks. However, the Tuxedo Club will be renovating their boathouse and constructing a temporary cofferdam in order to work on the foundation. The boat ramp will be closed at the end of September. As a temporary solution to boat removal, there may be a possibility of using the Village Boat Club's ramp for removal of single hull boats.

In regard to complaints of two large holes in Ridge Road near the Grimmig house, DPW Superintendent Voss is looking into it and has concerns about leaks in the water main that runs underneath the road. Mr. Voss hopes to address the problem soon.

**Police Update** - Chief Sanford gave a synopsis of August Police activities and reported a quiet month so far for September. Five white TP tags were identified, and the drivers notified to have them registered and replaced with his Department. The Police Department conducted a DOT check on Monday.

**DPW Update**

Superintendent Voss reported his crew has been doing a lot of road work. They installed a large culvert on Mt. Farm Road which required a contractor to remove the wall, and an additional \$1,800 is required for the cost of the footing needed to move forward. The cost of the wall will be reimbursed by the Overton project. Additional road work is planned for the bottom of Pine Road, Lookout Stable, and Mt. Farm Road as well as patching on Tuxedo Road and other various locations throughout the Village.

**Building Department Update**

Building Inspector Ledwith reported: He met with Tuxedo Club representatives, the Village Engineer, and Trustee Neuhauser regarding the installation of their cofferdam; items needed to complete installation of the generator at the DPW shop; installation of the gas main at the main gate; removal of the oil tank at the Keep, and various inspections performed.

*Beard Wall/Patio:* Mr. Ledwith contacted Mr. Beard regarding the construction of a wall and patio on his lakefront property that are within 100' of Tuxedo Lake. A letter will also be sent to him.

*Dry Hydrant-South End of Tuxedo Lake:* The Tuxedo Joint Fire District attorney sent the Village a letter requesting information on the specifications of the second dry fire hydrant that had been installed. Mr. Ledwith and Mr. Voss will prepare a response and forward it to him.

*Tuxedo Club Building Permit (Tax Map No. 107-1-3.2):* The Board discussed the boathouse renovation project and approved and signed the building permit application.

**Committee Updates**

VIAC - Michele Lindsay submitted a report to the Board. Items discussed were the mailbox cluster posts and the need to obtain three price quotes; speeding in the Village; Warwick Brook Bridge; deer and understory growth; street lighting fixtures; polymer sealant for Village roads; and a request by VIAC for \$1,000 allocation in the General Fund budget. The Board was in agreement with the \$1,000 budget allocation for VIAC.

A discussion was held on the above items.

Follow up items for submittal to the Board: 1) W&S proposal to repair the Warwick Brook Bridge; and 2) report by Arborist Jim Presutti for a report on understory conditions in the Village (approximately \$300).

**Public Comments**

Speakers: Jim Hays, Nancy Hays, Paola Tocci, Meg Vaught, Steve Maurer, Robert Klimecki

Comments: Too much removal of vegetation in large areas and on steep slopes, especially around Tuxedo Lake; unauthorized tree cutting; structures put up on lakefront properties; fences constructed along lake side properties; continuing complaints regarding the berm on the Zgonena

Tower Hill Road property and the status of its removal; can the speed limit be lowered in different areas of the Village; can speed bumps be installed.

A discussion was held on the above items.

*Zgonena Berm:*

Mr. Klimecki and Mr. Mauer gave permission for the Village Engineer to enter onto their property to observe the Zgonena berm.

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Trustee Neuhauser that the Board authorize Village Engineer Rich Messer of Weston & Sampson to do a safety study of the berm on the Zgonena property.

Vote of the Board: 5 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Trustee Heywood that the Village Attorney be authorized to begin the process of an enforcement action, at his discretion, in either Village Court or State Supreme Court regarding the Zgonena berm.

Vote of the Board: 5 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by 5-0 vote.

**Declare DPW Equipment Surplus**

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor du Pont that the Board of Trustees declare the 1997 Chevy 2500 4x4 Pickup Truck (no motor or truck bed) VIN #1GCGK24R7VE118375, the 2000 Ford Explorer XLT 4x4 SUV with 112,663 miles VIN #1FMZU83P6YZC34245, the 1985 Shelby 6-ton 3 axle trailer VIN #PH9PH2039FA318026 and the 1942 Chrysler Water Pump Unit Serial #9120/T-12357 as DPW surplus equipment and that these items be sold for fair and adequate consideration.

Vote of the Board: 5 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

**Trees - Perry Property**

As requested by the Board, Mrs. Perry submitted an estimate from Ira Wickes that included prices for taking down 2 trees and addressing 3 that have already fallen: The quote included \$1850 (take down 2 trees and haul the others into woods), \$2100 (take down 2 trees, cut into 18" length and haul into woods), and \$3500 (take down 2 trees and take all 5 away). Mrs. Perry prefers to have all the trees removed. However, the Village had previously agreed to only contribute \$1000 towards the project. Since the Perrys are not in agreement about making up the

difference in price, the Board asked them to obtain at least two additional estimates from other companies and report back to them.

**Fall Bulk Pickup Day** - will be on Saturday, October 13th. All items curbside by 7:00 a.m.

### **Approve Minutes**

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Trustee Heywood that the minutes of the August 28, 2012 Board of Trustees Meeting be approved.

Vote of the Board: 5 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

### **South Gate Rental House**

Trustee Neuhauser reported that Village Attorney Rick Golden has been given a copy of the rental lease agreement for the South Gate house, which is being rented by Town of Tuxedo Police Officer Girard Shiloh, to review.

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor du Pont that the Board approve the residential lease for the South Gate rental house with Girard Shiloh for a term of one year at \$700.00 per month conditional upon his signing and the Village's Attorney approval of the terms.

Vote of the Board: 5 ayes, 0 nays

The motion was passed by a 5-0 vote.

### **Engineer's Report**

Village Engineer Rich Messer gave an update on various Village projects:

- 1) Mt. Farm Pump Station - Materials are in. Work to begin in about 3 weeks after coordination with the DPW.
- 2) Mt. Farm Water Storage Tank - Cost to move the tank to a higher elevation on the existing property and 1000 feet of piping - \$500K to \$650K.
- 3) East Village Water Main - Proposal is being finalized. Estimated cost \$700K+.
- 4) Wee Wah Dam - Drawing presented showing several possible options for cost effective dam remodeling. The final report should be available within a week.

A discussion was held on the above items.

**Village Voter Registration** - Deputy Mayor du Pont asked Mayor Wilson if he would contact the Village Attorney to see what would be required for discontinuing use of the Village Voter Roll and to use only the County Voter Roll for Village Elections.

### **Audit of Claims**

Bills in the amount of \$319,387.26 for the General Fund, claim numbers 9-1 to 9-80; \$139,141.18 for the Water Fund, claim numbers W9-1 to W9-16; and \$5,087.62 for Professional Fees, claim numbers PF9-1 to PF9-3 were audited and ordered paid.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Deputy Mayor du Pont that the meeting be adjourned at 9:07 p.m. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Matthews  
Village Clerk-Treasurer